

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 732
By Finney

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Kelly Chandler for
earning the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Girl Scouts of the USA is one of our finest assets, providing young women with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development and instills in them an understanding of community and a deep sense of self-respect; and

WHEREAS, the highest award a Girl Scout between the ages of 14 and 17 can attain is the Gold Award, and Kelly Chandler, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, has joined the select group of individuals who may wear the prestigious Gold Award pin; and

WHEREAS, the Gold Award is the culmination of tremendous effort, concentration, and diligence by a Girl Scout; it signifies the deep dedication to her community and to herself a Girl Scout gains through participation in the organization and symbolizes her accomplishments in the areas of leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development; and

WHEREAS, Kelly's notable record of achievement as a member of her Girl Scout Troop includes many patches, awards, and a history of distinguished service; and

WHEREAS, to gain recognition from the Girl Scouts of the Appalachian Council, Inc. as a Gold Award recipient, Miss Chandler fulfilled five challenging requirements; she earned four Interest Project Patches, the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, the Senior Girl Scout Challenge Pin, the Girl Scout Career Exploration Pin, and designed and implemented a Girl Scout Gold Award project; and

WHEREAS, for her Gold Award Project, Miss Chandler exhibited all of the finest qualities of volunteerism and service to others; she provided snacks for all of the Seymour Volunteer Firefighters at each of their monthly meetings in a effort to show her community's appreciation for their labors; and

WHEREAS, an excellent student at Seymour High School, Kelly Chandler has earned several awards and accolades, including the Honors English I and II Awards and the Honors Chemistry II Award, carries a 4.0 grade point average, and participates in a number of extracurricular activities; she is a member of Beta Club, the 4-H Club, the National Honor Society, Y-Teens, Destination Imagination, Spanish Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the mixed ensemble chorus, and was chosen by her peers to serve as Secretary of the Senior class; and

WHEREAS, possessed of an unwavering sense of civic dedication, Miss Chandler lends her time and energies to several causes and organization, including Fantasy of Trees, Race for the Cure, the Upward Bound program at the University of Tennessee, and the River Rescue program at Ijams Nature Center; and

WHEREAS, Kelly Chandler is a devout and thoughtful member of the First Baptist Church of Seymour, where she serves as a leader in the AWANA program; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should pause to recognize Kelly Chandler as one of the most outstanding young people in our state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Kelly Chandler for earning the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.